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FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE NUMBER

May, 1952

45 Seniors to Graduate June 4th

Forty-five seniors will receive degrees and diplomas at the annual commencement on June 4. Officers of the class are as follows: Fred Kirkpatrick, president; Harvey Ache, vice-president; Rose Marie Hudson, secretary; Dorothy Read, treasurer; Roger Read, chaplain.

Those who will receive the *Bachelor of Arts in Bible* degree are: Harvey E. Ache, Jr., Allentown, Pa.; Harold B a s e h o r e, Hummelstown, Pa.; Charles Crockett, McClure, O.; Emily Figuly, Cleveland, O.; Shirley Force, Altoona, Pa.; Dale Gerig, Auburn, Ind.; John Hill, Oakwood, O.; Rose Marie Hudson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Fred Kirkpatrick, Dodge City, Ks.; Virginia Miller, Huntertown, Ind.; Roger Read, Hillsdale, Mich.; Robert Smith, Peoria, Ill.; Harold Sutherland, Metamora, Mich.; Gareth Wiederkehr, Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Milton Wong, Koloa, Kauai, Hawaii.

Bachelor of Theology: DeWitte Hall, Rocky Mount, N. C.; and Welburn Smith, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Bachelor of Religious Education: Norman Bachand, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Adriana Boender, Hospers, Iowa; Charles Kauffman, Bethlehem, Pa.; and Everett Lee Webb, Judson, Ind.

Bachelor of Sacred Music: Mary Howard, Peoria, Ill.; Marceil Sumney, Grabill, Ind.; and Roy Tobin, Three Rivers, Mich.

Standard Bible: Carol Beerbow-er, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Ernest Bel-ella, Mahaffey, Pa.; Robert Burley, Berne, Ind.; Eula Compton, Shel-by-ville, Ill.; Donelda Coy, Reading,

PLACEMENT DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED

Professor Cyril Eicher was ap-pointed by the College Governing Board on March 5 to fill the newly created office of Director of Place-ment. Heretofore requests for the services of graduates were handled by various departments, but the Board concurred in the conviction that the time had come to conso'ide-date placement in a single office. Not only can attention be given to requests that come in, but a catalog can be kept of available personnel and some steps can be taken to make known their availability to employing organizations.

Mr. Eicher will welcome inquir-ies from both alumni and Christian organizations seeking help.

Mich.; Daisy Davis, Foxworth, Miss.; Joy Gerig, Auburn, Ind.; Lois Held, Syracuse, Ind.; Edna Heller, Cleve-land, O.; Shirley Kamberg, Oaklawn, Ill.; Esther Lehman, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Dale Lewis, Venedocia, O.; Elizabeth Mainhood, Coleman, Mich.; Clarence Nantz, Salem, Ind.; Dorothy Read, Hillsdale, Mich.; Zuma Roberts, Swanton, O.; Abraham Schierling, Van Nuys, Calif.; Nancy Shell, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Robert Skinner, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Mary Carolyn Steiner, Fort Wayne, Ind.; and Doris Zurfluh, Ridgeway, Pa.

Originator of Fellowship Circle Remembers His Alma Mater

A very useful piece of equipment for the new food service department, a water cooler and dispenser in the dining room, was contributed by Rev. and Mrs. S. S. Gerig of Turlock, California. Mr. Gerig is an alumnus by virtue of having been a member of the Board, while Mrs. Gerig, nee Sadie Garman, was a student in the school and a 1913 graduate.

DON ROHRS ON FLYING TRIP HOME

Rev. Don Rohrs, 1948, literally made a flying trip from Koloa, Hawaii, in the latter part of April. As an auxiliary Air Force Chaplain with the Civil Air Patrol, he was sent on an unexpected trip to Washington and was able to spend several days in Fort Wayne and at his home at Hicksville, Ohio. As a former member of College vocal groups, he had the thrill of attending the home concert of the A Cappella Choir on April 20. He and Mrs. Rohrs (Faythe Ringenberg) have been in the Islands since 1948 serving with the Missionary Church Association.

ganization be formed for graduates and former students of the Bible Training School. The motion was seconded by Pastor A. W. Roffe of Toronto, Canada, and after further discussion was passed.

At the next session of the Board steps were taken to implement this action. A committee composed of Rev. J. E. Lauby of Woodburn, Ind., Rev. H. C. Thiessen of Pandora, O., and Rev. B. F. Leightner of Fort Wayne was appointed to form an alumni association. Such an organization was "to be brought into being as speedily as possible, full powers

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Rev. S. S. Gerig has the distinction of having conceived the idea of an alumni organization for what was then known as the Fort Wayne Bible Training School. On April 13, 1916, twelve years after the school was founded and seven years after the first class graduated, the idea was born. At a regular meeting of the Board on that date with Rev. J. E. Ramseyer presiding as Chairman, Mr. Gerig, then a Board member, presented the proposal of an alumni association. As an alumnus of Ohio Northern University (Ada), he spoke of the benefits of such an organization to both graduates and the institution. After some discussion, according to the minutes taken by Secretary H. C. Thiessen, Mr. Gerig made a motion that such an or-

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Alumni Project Flooring F.M. Basement

Correlating its efforts with plans recently approved by the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, the Fellowship Circle has adopted as its 1952 project the re-flooring of the basement of Founders' Memorial.

A CAPPELLA CHOIR RETURNS FROM SUCCESSFUL TOUR

The 1952 spring concert tour of the Fort Wayne Bible College A Cappella Choir was climaxed on Sunday night, April 20, at a home concert given before a near-capacity audience in Founders' auditorium. Several missionary churches dismissed their services for the event.

The choir, under Professor Oliver Steiner's capable direction, presented 20 full concerts and 2 radio broadcasts in their 1979-mile trek of five states through the East, singing in both churches and schools during the 16-day mission.

They sang to capacity crowds in presenting the gospel through sacred classics, spirituals, hymns, solos, and testimonies. Some 15 souls were known to have accepted Christ either at the close of the concerts or through personal work after the concerts. Other conversions as a result of the choir are still being reported, besides the spiritual uplift and renewed vision that was brought to Christians.

The tour extended to points in Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Maryland. The choir sang in Y.F.C. meetings and churches of the following denominations: Congregational Christian, Methodist, Missionary, Evangelical United Brethren, Presbyterian, Christian Baptist, and Christian Missionary Alliance.

Prayer meetings keynoted the spiritual success of the tour. Each

It is proposed to lay asphalt tile in the dining room and the room that adjoins it to the east. The latter area serves as a recreation room generally, but is made a part of the dining room by removing the temporary partition on such occasions as the Fellowship Circle banquet.

The present floor is concrete. Its hard surface will not hold paint satisfactorily, and it makes for considerable noise when chairs are moved. Asphalt tile surfacing will add greatly to the appearance and the atmosphere of the dining room. And, from a practical point of view, it will facilitate cleaning the floor.

A drive is being made by mail among all the F. C. members, and it is hoped that by the time of the banquet enough funds will be in hand to pay for the entire project.

Originator of Fellowship Remembers Alma Mater

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being given the Committee to take such steps as may be found necessary to effect its purpose."

Of interest is the fact that Mr. Gerig is the only survivor among those mentioned as having had a part in founding the Fellowship Circle, but each one was a distinguished Christian leader whose memory the Fellowship Circle cherishes.

morning was started with an extended period of devotions. Prayer meetings were held while traveling on the bus and before each concert. All agreed that it was one of the finest spiritual experiences of their lives.

"Have We Visitors from Space?" A Postscript

In a recent issue of *Life* an article was published by H. B. Darrack, Jr., and Robert Ginna on what was claimed to be the first authentic disclosure on the strange phenomena known as "flying saucers." The article was entitled "Have We Visitors from Space?" According to the authors, the U. S. Air Force made known the fact that it maintains constant intelligence investigation and study of unidentified aerial objects. The case was reviewed in more than a year of sifting and weighing of all reports of unexplained aerial phenomena—from the so-called flying saucers to the mysterious green fireballs often sighted in the Southwest. The inquiry included examination of hundreds of reported sightings, interviews with eyewitnesses and careful review of the facts with some of the world's ablest physicists, astronomers, and experts on guided missiles. Certainly in an area where speculation can run rife, it is very important to be certain about the facts. Apparently, every effort was made to sift facts from fancy.

Some of the widely known facts are reviewed. Witnesses included such trained observers as scientists, technicians, meteorologists, and airmen. The incidents cited give time, place, and names of observers.

In an attempt to identify the phenomena on the basis of evidence, various theories are examined and rejected:

1. They are not psychological phenomena.
2. They are not products of U.S. research.

3. They are not a Russian development.

4. They are not distortions of the atmosphere resulting from atomic activity.

5. They are not all Skyhook balloons.

With these explanations rejected, there appears to be only one hypothesis to explain the phenomena, and the authors of the article cite the startling conclusion of two leading scientists to substantiate the theory. *The objects are not of earthly origin and they are directed by superhuman intelligences.* "The objects cannot be explained by present science as natural phenomena—but solely as artificial devices, created and operated by a high intelligence."

One of the leading scientists quoted as having come to the above conclusion is Dr. Walter Riedel, once chief designer and research director at the German rocket center in Peenemunde, now engaged in secret work for the U. S. He stated, "I am completely convinced that they have an out-of-world basis."

Dr. Riedel supported his conclusion by four arguments: "First, the skin temperatures of structures operating under the observed conditions would make it impossible for any terrestrial structure to survive.

"Second, consider the high accelerations at which they fly and maneuver . . . In some descriptions the beast spirals straight up.

"Third . . . There are many occurrences where they have done things that only a pilot could per-

form but that no human pilot could stand.

"Fourth, in most of the reports there is a lack of visible jets . . . It is from no power unit we know of."

The other scientist quoted regarding this conclusion is Dr. Maurice A. Biot, one of the leading aerodynamicists in the U. S. and a prominent mathematical physicist. After reviewing the evidence, Dr. Biot said: "The least improbable explanation is that these things are artificial and controlled . . . My opinion for some time has been that they have an extraterrestrial origin."

Now here is certainly a startling conclusion in this day of scientific skepticism. It is of the temper of the scientific mind to search for facts, to draw conclusions with conservatism, and to account for all phenomena by natural causes. Here we have to sober conclusions of scientists—not the wild fancies and intemperate speculations of persons not trained to be guided by facts. In other words, some scientists are convinced that superhuman intelligences are operating in the atmosphere of the earth.

Of course, this is as far as science can go without empirical evidence, for science knows nothing of any intelligences outside of the earth. The *Life* article ends with many unanswered questions: "Why do the things make no sound? How to explain their eerie luminosity? What power urges them at such terrible speeds through the sky? Who, or what, is aboard? Where do they come from? Why are they here? What are the intentions of the beings who control them?"

Now assuming the validity of the above conclusion, can anything further be said regarding their identity? Certainly, no one is in a position to answer all of these questions, but

the student of the Bible can go further than science in interpreting such phenomena. He holds that there is an additional body of knowledge besides empirical science. He holds that we have an authentic revelation of the non-terrestrial realm in the Word of God. The Bible has something to say about superhuman intelligences. There are myriads of them—good and bad. The Bible calls them angels, some of whom are fallen and are subjects of Satan's kingdom. They vary in power, intelligence, and function. They also are described under many differing figures when they assume visible form.

If, therefore, these objects are manifestations of superhuman intelligences, and since the only superhuman intelligences known are those revealed in the Word of God the question should be raised as to whether there is any correspondence between them. Angels, whether good and bad, do not ordinarily manifest themselves as flying objects, but these are not ordinary phenomena. They are extraordinary because they have only been observed recently. Their recency is therefore significant.

Another significant fact is that these objects have been associated with destructive military weapons. At any rate, the closest known objects are such military objects as flying missiles and jet-propelled aircraft. Now we do know that during the Tribulation, which will climax this age, there will be turned loose all manner of superhuman and super-terrestrial objects to wreak destruction on the earth. They could in the days of the inspired writers, only be described in concepts known and so we should not expect to find any technical concepts in the Bible. But the description of them is both graphic and suggestive. Take, for example, the "scorpions" of the

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From the President



In this issue of *Bible Vision* we salute the many members of the Fellowship Circle—the College alumni organization which is observing its 36th birthday. They are found in many parts of the world—the Hawaiian Islands, Japan, the Philippines, China, India, Pakistan, British East Africa, Angola, the Congo, French West Africa and French Equatorial Africa, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Haiti, Jamaica, Venezuela, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Alaska, and Northern Canada. But scattered far and near mystic ties bind all together.

There are the ties of cherished memories—ranging all the way from youth pranks to sacred burning bush experiences. There are the ties of friendships, but, highest of all, is the tie of Christian fellowship, for “truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.” And all of these sacred memories center in our Alma Mater, who is growing, we hope, in wisdom and maturity as her sons and daughters increase in number.

We believe it is true with our “Educational Mother” as it is with our natural mothers that love, appreciation, and devotion deepen with age. The immature youth is apt to take much for granted and give little thought to all that a mother has contributed to his welfare, but

maturity deepens wisdom and insight.

At any rate, it can be said that among the most loyal friends of the College who actively and prayerfully back the College are members of the Fellowship Circle. I think of several who went far beyond the training received in “Bible school” but who are deeply grateful for the values of their Bible training.

Recently, however, an alumnus wrote us who, we hope, is a rare exception: He was bitter because he thought that the Bible College is not accredited. He stated that at every opportunity he warns young people against the school and claimed that he turns away fifty young people each year from F.W.B.C. We tried to answer with patience. Evidently, he hadn’t heard that the school now has college standing; that by virtue of its accreditation on the collegiate level by the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges its credits are recognized by the New York Board of Regents; that such regionally accredited colleges as Wheaton and Taylor accept transferrable credits on an hour for hour basis; that our College is regularly listed in the United States Office of Education bulletins on accredited institutions of higher learning.

Above all, it is heartening to
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Three Retiring Members of College Staff Honored

The World Fellowship Hall of the Fort Wayne YMCA was the scene of a dinner on Wednesday, May 7, in honor of three members of the Bible College staff who will be retiring this year, Miss Lillian Zeller, Mrs. Effie Smith, and Mr. P. L. Eicher.

Several members of the Board of Trustees and their wives, and Mrs. Smith's two daughters and son-in-law, were present with the college faculty and staff to pay tribute to these three who have served so long and faithfully.

After the delicious dinner, an interesting program was presented, with President S. A. Witmer as master of ceremonies. Professor Oliver Steiner led the group in singing "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" and "Constantly Abiding." Dr. Witmer expressed his appreciation of the steadfast and devoted service of loyal staff members down through the years. He pointed out that one of the most important factors in the continuity of a school is its staff. He spoke also of the unique contribution of each member in forming the character of the school, and of the impression made by each one on the lives of students who have attended the school.

Professor C. A. Gerber spoke in tribute to Mr. Eicher, the retiring Business Manager, and to Mrs. Eicher, who because of illness could not be present. Mr. Gerber recalled memories of the early ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Eicher, their going to India as missionaries, and their return to this country because of Mrs. Eicher's health. Although the school has passed through some hard times

financially since 1927, Mr. Eicher's good common sense and judicious buying have helped to bring it through these crises. Mention was made of one of "Uncle Pete's" services beyond the line of duty, his store, which has benefited staff members and students with families. Above all, Mr. Eicher's spiritual ministry has been a blessing to all.

Mrs. S. A. Witmer spoke in appreciation of the life and work of Mrs. Smith, whose husband, the Reverend Byron G. Smith, was also a faculty member eight years, until his death in 1934. Mrs. Smith's was a double ministry, for along with her teaching she had the responsibility of keeping up her home and bringing up her family of three children. This year marks twenty-six years of faithful service, during which Mrs. Smith has taught a variety of subjects—Greek, English, history, Spanish, church history. Her life has been an inspiration to her colleagues and to the many students who have sat in her classes.

Mrs. Ione Fitch paid tribute to Miss Zeller, who is completing twenty-nine years of service. Miss Zeller's love for her Lord, her consistent walk with God, and her prayer life have meant much to all the college family. Truly, she is one who bears the image of the Master in her face.

A faculty male quartet, made up of Messrs. Eicher, Neuenschwander, Brown, and Steiner, sang "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go." Then each of the three honored guests was presented with an electric clock as a token of appreciation from the college.

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"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

"Let the outward condition of God's people be what it may; there is a path of devotedness open to the individual saint, which he can pursue independently of everything."

Occupying the newest apartment in the MCA Headquarters building is the Millikan family. Mrs. Fred Millikan is the gracious, personable secretary in Founders' Memorial office. From her happy spirit, one can readily see she enjoys her work; it is a vital part of her. Many spiritual blessings come from student contacts, she says. In her own words Mrs. Millikan gives testimony to faith in Christ Jesus.

For all the way God has led, I humbly praise Him. Psalm twenty-seven has meant a great deal to me since I have known Jesus Christ as personal Saviour and Lord. He is my light, my salvation and the strength of my life; whom shall I fear or of whom should I be afraid when He has promised to supply every need? And His resources continually meet my endless needs.

The eleventh verse: "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path" is really the prayer of my heart. I have so much to learn of Him and His ways that I want to ever be in the place where I am teachable and can hear His voice. To receive the choice morsels I must stay close to the Shepherd. Wealth or success is no ambition. That plain path with the Lord is just the place for me.

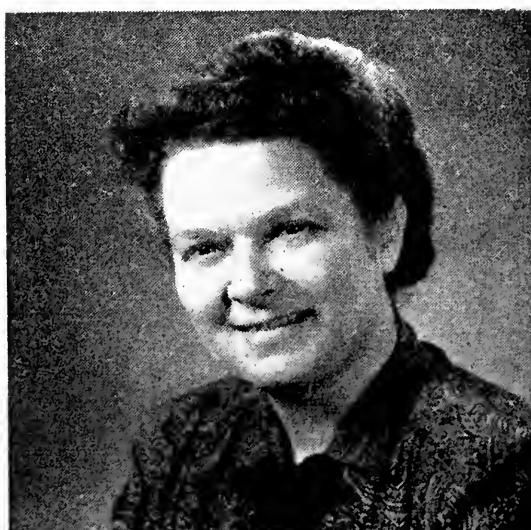
Often the Lord has spoken in the words of Psalm 27:14: "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." To push forward in service has always been easy for me, but to wait has been difficult. Oh, the lessons He has taught as I have waited upon Him!

The rest of my days I desire to walk in a plain path with Him.

From the work here, I have learned God's best gifts to us are not things, but opportunities. His daily presence is a delight because peace rules the day when Christ rules the heart. God has all the wisdom I require; I am merely the instrument in His hands.

Her entire family is among the Bible College family. Mr. Millikan, member of the 1951 graduating class, is superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. Son Loren, announcer for "Sunrise Chapel" radio broadcast, is a member of the 1954 class. This Christian mother's patient, hopeful confidence in the Lord often cheers students and staff during the course of a busy day.

The testimony from this yielded heart that says, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all," only shows again how true God proves Himself to be in the lives of His children.



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fifth trumpet in Revelation 9. "And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth: and power was given to them, as the scorpions of the earth have power . . . And the shape of the locusts were like unto horses prepared for war . . . And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to war." Take as another example the "horses" described in the judgment of the sixth trumpet that resemble much more some modern weapons as destruction than flesh and blood animals: "And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates as of fire and jacinth and of brimstone: and the heads of the horses are as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceedeth fire and smoke and brimstone" (Rev. 9:17).

But there will also be "signs"—harbingers, portents—of these judgments before they appear. According to Joel's famous prophecy unusual signs will precede the "day of the Lord." "And I will show wonders . . . the heavens and in the earth: blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke before the great and terrible day of the Lord cometh" (Joel 2:30, 31). Keil and Delitsch comment as follows on this passage: "The wonders which God will give in the heavens and upon earth are the forerunners of judgment."

Now in the light of the recency of these objects observed in the atmosphere of the earth, of their resemblance to weapons of destruction, of their extra-terrestrial origin, is it not probable that they are forerunners of the extraordinary objects

that will appear during the tribulation? Can they be signs of the coming remarkable display of supernaturalism that will characterize the reign of Anti-Christ? (II Thess. 2:9). Certainly we cannot be dogmatic, but if an explanation is sought to account for these phenomena the revelation of the Bible should not be left out. This article presents a possible and a probable answer—but no final one—to the questions raised by *Life*.

—Dr. S. A. Witmer

From the President

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know that the spirituality of the school has not suffered by this upgrading of academic standards. Standards are entirely consistent with spiritual objectives. The best in education is none too good when eternal values and the salvation of souls are involved.

Retiring Members Of College Staff Honored

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Recognition was given to another staff member, Mrs. Fitch, who after six years as Dean of Women, is leaving at the end of this year to become a pastor's wife. An original poem read by Mrs. Cyril Eicher, an orchid, and a song by Mrs. Elmer Neuenschwander, conveyed to Mrs. Fitch the appreciation of all for her cheerful and inspiring ministry and the good wishes of all as she takes up new duties.

The program was brought to a close with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the benediction by Dean Elmer Neuenschwander.

—Edith Ehlke.

Fellowship Circle

“Conquering Through Christ”—

(Class Letter of '49)

“Since June 3rd, 1949, when we walked the aisle twice in one day, Walter and I have been located at several different addresses. First, we took a 4-point Methodist charge at Decatur, Ind., and stayed one year; then went back to more school days, this time at Taylor U. There we felt right at home with a number of our B.I. classmates and associates. We spent two semesters at Taylor. At the end of January last year we felt led to Arkansas. There we worked with a little church in the mountains for four months and then accepted another 4-point Methodist Circuit at Lavaca. We are grateful to our Lord for the opportunity of a small labor in His vineyard.”—Eleanor and Walter Johnson.

“I am still pastoring the Missionary Church at Elkton, Michigan, where we have been since graduation from F.W.B.C. We are very happy here and appreciate the privilege of serving God in this particular field of service.”—Russell B. Persons.

“I’m still out in the hilly land of Pennsylvania and have reconciled myself to the fact that I like it. I have a S. S. class of primary boys and girls at the Franklin Baptist Church of Ingomar, Penn. I also supervise the Children’s Dept. of the S. S.”—Alice Sarver.

“We are living in Hamilton at the present time in a three room

apartment. Gene is pastoring the church at Overpeck again along with some work at Calvary here in Hamilton. We are waiting now for the board to send us to Africa. Calvary Church has voted to assume our support for which we praise the Lord.”—Carol (Sipp) Ponchot.

“After finishing my college work at Huntington in ‘51, I enrolled in the Dallas Theological Seminary to receive further training. I have been teaching S. S. classes, doing visitation work, and personal work so far this year, working along with the First Baptist Church.”—Neil F. Wolfe.

“I graduated from Practical Nurses’ Training in June and have been working for the Salvation Army in Pittsburgh. Right now, I am in the midst of wedding preparations and cleaning our apartment. I am being married March 22 to Clarence Hallberg. I have joined his church, the Swedish Covenant, so I am numbered among the Swedes.”—Donna Merrill.

“I was in Taylor U. last winter and enjoyed it very much. In the summer I came to Anderson to live with a former pastor and his family. The Lord helped me to find a job as a time-keeper in a factory. Since my work is at night, I have the mornings free to take a few hours work at Ball State Teacher’s College. I have one year at Taylor yet before I graduate and then I hope to be out in full time service wherever the Lord leads.”—Evelyn Slusser.

“I thought to be conquering through Christ and for Christ in Africa—but no. I had completed my preliminary exams and such and after meeting the official board I was told that I did not meet their qualifications. The door was closed so suddenly and so thoroughly that I was jolted tremendously. I know it was God’s choice. There are other

doors I shall try again. Right now I am working in a factory to collect finances for further schooling this summer."—Gert Slusser.

"I have been teaching at Kingswood School, Bean Station, Tenn. It is an Interdenominational Christian Children's Home. After summer school at Ball State Teacher's College I returned to Kingswood, only to find myself in the hospital. The Lord answered prayer in my behalf."—Priscilla Nickelson.

"I have been very busy the past months being employed as church secretary at the Calvary Baptist Church here in Youngstown, Ohio. I did like it very much, but I have had to give it up lately to take care of my mother who is ill with heart trouble. The Lord has opened an opportunity for me to teach a Child Evangelism class soon."—Mary H. Jardine.

"For the past five months Paul and I have been laboring in a small country church. When we first came, we had around 18 in S. S. and about 30-35 in church. Now the attendance is about 35 in S. S. and an average of about 50-60 in church. Paul and I have been serving the Lord together for the last eight months now and we find real joy and happiness and are looking forward to future service for Him."—Ruth (Gabrielson) van Gorkom.

"I was married last August in the Gospel Tabernacle of Minot, N. Dak. My husband is a student at the North Central Bible Institute. On Sundays we have been driving 120 miles to help in a little mission on an Indian reservation near Granite Falls, Minn."—Erva Perry Klein.

"In reply to the card of the 27th I am pastoring a Congregational Christian Church in Murray, Indiana. We are enjoying the work here. Pray with us that much might be accom-

plished for Christ."—Louis Klotzbach.

"I am serving two churches as a church worker. I am working under the Eastern District Mennonite Home Mission Board. My duties are many, such as, teaching two Child Evangelism classes each week, teaching a S. S. class, doing visitation work, serving as church secretary and treasurer, etc."—Elizabeth Hirschy.

"Last September I came to Honolulu, on the island of Oahu. I am working ten hours a night, six nights a week, as a desk clerk at Central YMCA. I teach a class of 35 ninth grade boys in Honolulu Bible Training School, preach occasionally, serve as Executive Secretary of Honolulu Youth for Christ, acted as director of Honolulu YFC for the last four months, while director Cornelius Keur was on the mainland, am chairman of Hawaii Child Evangelism Fellowship Committee, have a class a month at the detention home, and serve as Treasurer of Honolulu Christian Business Men's Committee."—Ralph Castersen.

"Following graduation from Taylor U., Mrs. Steiner (to you, Letha Snyder) and I toured to Oklahoma with the purpose in mind of working with the "Go Ye Mission, Inc." of that state. We now have three points where we regularly have services. Another avenue of service which we have is on the campgrounds which the Mission has. Now, I don't have a nice official name such as "Caretaker" or what have you, but our work here is just that."—Laverne Steiner.

"In November we moved Northward where my husband is employed at Martin's Aircraft. During the past year my Christian service has been limited to teaching D.V.B.S. and S.S. There are numerous oppor-

tunities for personal testimony."—Esther Ivey Perry.

"Here I am back at Bowser Inc., working in the same room in which I worked before I came back to B. C. and then on to Tay'or, but I guess sometimes God leads in ways we can't understand. I am not doing much in special church work now. I teach in S.S. whenever needed and preach once in a while."—Esther McCartney.

"This class letter finds us still at Chapel Hill Church near Union, Mich. This last year has been another one of blessings and trials. There is increased response to the preaching of the Word."—Dean Freed.

"The Lord has been so good to me, therefore shall I praise Him. Since I left Ft. Wayne Bible College, most of my time has been spent at Marion College. I am looking forward to the Commencement Exercises in June as I anticipate graduating with an A. B."—Clifford Sprunger.

"Another year has gone by and I am still in Binghamton, N. Y. Jim was drafted into the Marines in January and is now in South Carolina. I am helping out in a Sunday School about ten miles from here. I also help in Bible Surprise Club which is held each Saturday night for the boys and girls. During the days I still work for the General Electric. After his basic training is over, I plan to be with Jim while he is in the states."—Helen and Jim Stilson.

"We are still in Marion, Indiana, and living at the same address. This June I will graduate with an A.B. in Biology and nearly enough requirements for teaching in high school. I have been working part time for a plumbing and heating supply co. We have been attending the Nazarene

Church almost from the first, helping them in S.S. and the young people's service."—Dave Nesbitt.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Rev. ('36) and Mrs. ('34-35) R. C. Strubhaar who announce the arrival of Peter Jeremy on April 2. He weighed 8 lb. 8 oz.

To Rev. and Mrs. (Viola Krockenberger) Wagley ('43), who announce the birth of a son, Nathan Lee, on March 16. The Wagleys now have a quartet of boys, Stephen, Timmy and Tommy (twins), and Nathan Lee.

To Mr. ('50) and Mrs. ('49-'50) John Trusdle who became the proud parents of Stephen Mark on March 31. He tipped the scales at 8 lbs. 3 oz.

To Rev. ('30-40) and Mrs. A. J. Herbert, upon the arrival of Evangeline Ruth, February 29th at Zamboanga City, Philippine Islands. The Herberts have two other children—Martha Carol 7, and Jimmy 4.

PERSONAL: Albert H. Buchanan, Jr., ('46) is pastoring the First Baptist Church in Evart, Michigan. They have a 16 month old boy, Tommy.

FROM THE FAR NORTH: "Trapping season is just over and the natives will soon be moving towards the coast. It looks like we will have a busy spring and summer here. We trust as the Eskimos gather here they will grow spiritually as the Word is given to them. We will start as soon as a few more children come and then later on we hope to get all the children who will come for school at which time we will keep them here at the mission. We have been making trips by plane visiting camps for just a day at a time. Wayne and Komah are down south now on a dog team trip visiting camps. Our airplane gas sup-

ply is almost exhausted so we will have to fly some gas in from Churchill for our spring trips.

"In our fall prayer letter we made mention of wanting to get a boat. It is becoming more evident of the necessity of having a suitable boat for our own use. We have looked into the situation around here and have found three. One at Chesterfield is very old and in poor condition. Another at Baker Lake is small and has no engine which would mean sailing it 600 miles to Churchill where a new engine would have to be installed. The third is in fair shape but probably is not worth what the native wants. The other alternative is to get a suitable boat in Newfoundland and bring it around through the Hudson Straits. The trip would take about a month but would also give us valuable information on conditions of Eskimos in many other places. Rev. Don Wagner has offered to help me bring it around and we would need a sailor to help us since we are both 'land-lubbers.'

"A very urgent need is that the present translation of the New Testament be revised. At our conference we talked over this problem and decided to seek the help of Wycliffe Bible Translators trusting that possibly two workers could come in to make it their full-time work. This job could be filled by two single women who are led to enter this type of work. Without a better translation it will be next to an impossibility to establish a self-propagating native church among these Eskimos.

"As you are reading this letter Wayne Born and I will probably be winging our way into the north in both planes. The Lord willing, we expect to leave here for Baker Lake then on to the Arctic Ocean visiting tribes wherever we can find them."—Gleason, Kathryn, and Kulugjak Ledyard.

REPORT FROM INDIA: "Working from Panori we had 14 baptisms and met with every Christian family in that area, seeking to strengthen their faith, and encourage them to witness for Christ. Every night we held open-air evangelistic services. In most towns we received a kindly hearing, but after our last meeting a wealthy money lender came out plainly saying, 'We do not want your preaching. Don't come back.' But few speak that way to us.

"After a very happy Christmas time in Anjangaon (Janet's throat being well healed by then, and the roses beginning to bloom on her cheeks again) we pitched out tents at Kari in the foothills of the 3000 ft. Satpura Range. The scenery was grand, the air clear and cool, and the cart tracks bumped over almost solid stone-strewn fields or stream beds—terrible on tires! But the hearts of the Bhil and Korku tribes people among whom we had come to work were tender and receptive. Gospel work has been done by missionaries in former years and especially by the L. R. Carners who had a two-month camp in Kari three years ago. One day as Artimese went for a women's meeting in the afternoon, she told them not to fear but to come and listen. One woman replied, 'We are no longer afraid of you people. You come to tell us good things. Come in.' Although illiteracy in these villages is over 95 per cent we sold many gospels. The men explained that their friends in the villages of the plains could read the books to them."—Bert and Artimese Eicher ('31).

Plan to attend the annual Fellowship Circle dinner, June 3, 6:00 P.M. (C.D.S.T.)

Love and the Cross

Because He loved you so, because the Master
Is calling you to labor in His field,
Because the Holy Pentecost of suffering
The choicest fruit of holiness can yield,
Therefore your cross!

He only who has tasted bitter sorrow
Can bring the cup of strength to those in woe,
And share with them a peace, surpassing knowledge,
Which only those who love Him fully know,—
Therefore your cross!

With strong and tender fatherly affection
The Lord would draw you to His loving heart,
And make of you a consecrated vessel,
Unto His joyful service set apart,
Therefore your cross!

Within the secret of His holy presence
He would reveal to you, O suffering one,
What eye has never seen, what never entered
The heart of man, because He loves His own—
Then bear your cross!

—*Frieda Martini Buchen*

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1. Hail, Fort Wayne Bi - ble Col - lege! Our Al - ma Ma - ter true;
2. Hail, Fort Wayne Bi - ble Col - lege! Where hearts are set a - flame,
3. God bless our Bi - ble Col - lege! Her halls en - shrine with light;



Our her - i - tage is know - ledge Of Christ and life a - new.
With zeal for loy - al ser - vice, In Christ the Sav - iour's name.
Her teach - ers bless with cour - age; Her cause en - due with might.



Our mis - sion is sal - va - tion, Through God's re-deem-ing Word;
Where youth re - ceive the vi - sion Of more a - bun - dant life,
God keep her sons and daugh - ters In faith-ful - ness and love,



To ev' - ry tribe and na - tion His truth must be un - furled.
Of ho - ly ded - i - ca - tion For lib - er - a - ting strife.
One day to serve the Mas - ter E - ter - nal - ly a - bove.

